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Hon. Steven W. Williams, Secretary
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue NW, Suite 200
Washington, D.C. 20268-0001

Dear Mr. Williams:

This is to notify the Commission that the Quarter 2, FY 2007 Revenue Pieces and Weight (RPW) Reporting System will incorporate a new methodology for estimating activity for Collect On Delivery, Registered Mail, Insurance, and Certificates of Mailing. Previously, sampling data collected at a panel of retail offices were used to prepare inputs representing these items for the RPW Reports in the Origin-Destination Information System - Revenue, Pieces and Weight (ORPW).

The new methodology replaces this sampling activity by using Point of Service System (POS) data. In order to achieve 100 percent coverage, the POS data are augmented by a new sample conducted at offices without POS units. Furthermore, a new sample has been implemented to capture data for Postal Service Registered Mail, because data for this item are not entered into POS, and they have unique origin and destination patterns.

The change to using POS data in RPW continues the Postal Service's strategy of using census data wherever possible to increase data quality and operate more efficiently.

If the Commission has any questions regarding these changes, please contact me, and I will arrange to provide more information.

Sincerely,

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